



Operation Iraqi Freedom II

"Telling the First Team's Story"

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1CD Pays Its Respects to Fallen Heroes



By Spc. Marie Whitney, 122nd MPAD

(Above) The 1st Cavalry Division Band plays in honor of the Memorial Day Observance that was held in front of the new Division Main building at Camp Victory North May 30. The memorial day observance included an invocation by Chaplain (Maj.) Grant Johnson, a rendition of The Battle Hymn of the Republic by the 1st Cav. Div. Band accompanied by a chorus of Soldiers singing and a speech by the 1st Cavalry Division commanding general, Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli. **(Right)** 1st Cav. Div. Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Hernandez is one of many Soldiers who stand to salute during the playing of Taps.



Father Watches Son Graduate:

VTC Connects Proud Parents in Iraq to Graduates

By Spc. Bryan Kinkade
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NORTH- Early in the morning, Maj. Peter Butts sat down in

front of a special television. He was full of excitement when the screen came up and he saw students of Salado High School; his son's high school.

Thousands of miles away from his home and family, deployed to Logistics Support Area Anaconda, Iraq, Butts was the first Soldier to have the opportunity to watch a high school graduation through the 1st Cavalry Division's video-conferencing system. In fact, he was the only Soldier to have a child graduating from Salado High School, so he had the VTC system to himself.

"This is one of those

things that I wouldn't miss for the world," said the operations officer for the 49th Movement Control Battalion, 13th Corps Support Command.

Butts said he was very pleased to have this opportunity and was ecstatic to be able to watch his son, Alex, graduate.

"Next to having been there, this was the next best thing," he said.

Before Butts deployed, his



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13th Corps Spt. Cmd.



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1st Cav. Div. Soldiers View Important Milestone



By Capt. Timothy Tate, 122nd MPAD

Trumpeter Sgt. Brian Reilly, french horn player 1st Sgt. Robert Stagg, tuba player Staff Sgt. Walter Smith, trombonist Spc. Anthony Savickas and trumpeter Sgt. Alton Huckaby perform live for Salado High School graduation via video teleconferencing from Baghdad, Iraq. The monitor depicts what the people at the actual ceremony are seeing.

Camp Victory North Army Post Office Grand Opening/Dedication Ceremony Today, May 31, 10 a.m.

**Note: Post Office will be closed from 9 - 11 a.m.
APO will reopen at 11 a.m. following the ceremony**

Normal Hours of Operation:

**Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Baghdad, Iraq

Monday

High: 105
Low: 80



Tuesday

High: 102
Low: 77



Wednesday

High: 100
Low: 72



Weather information provided by 1CD Staff Weather Office (SWO)

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family thought he would be able to watch it over the Internet. He investigated and found out that the 1st Cavalry Division would be broadcasting, via VTC, every high school graduation.

"It was great," Butts said. "Towards the end, I was able to talk to my whole family."

Since Butts was the only Soldier at the VTC graduation, he was allowed about 40 minutes to talk to his family.

"He was able to show me his diploma," he said excitedly. "This was a great opportunity, even if I wouldn't have been able to talk to him; just to see it."

Butts' son, Alex, plans on joining the Air Force. His father is extremely proud of him.

"This is one step towards success, and one start to building a future," he said about his son's graduation.

This VTC started the beginning of a weeklong schedule to connect Fort Hood-based deployed fathers and mothers to the Bell County

Exposition Center to see their children graduate this year.

Several cameras around the Expo Center gave Butts different views of the graduation and a camera pointed at him put his face on a big screen in the Expo Center.

Also attending the VTC graduation, the 1st Cav. Div. Band performed a concert for the graduation ceremony, from the desert via VTC. Their performance was broadcasted live straight to the Expo Center.

"[The division] put this together to make it a reality," Butts said about the VTC system. "In my mind, it was as if I was there."

He was very thankful that he had the opportunity to watch his son graduate, and for the division sharing the VTC system with the rest of the Fort Hood units.

"I can't express my gratitude to let us partake in this graduation," Butts said. "We have more people coming from [LSA] Anaconda. I'm going to be able to go back and tell them what the experience was like."

Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

week
month
year

is-buu-aa
sha-har
sen-a

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Long-Awaited Memorial Dedicated to Veterans of WWII in Washington, D.C.

► From AP

WASHINGTON- America dedicated a memorial Saturday to the fast-thinning ranks of World War II veterans, a poignant last hurrah drawing together tens of thousands of old soldiers, sailors and heroes of the home front.

Frail now, full of spunk then, they were thanked for service that "helped save the world."

The National Mall, where huge numbers usually gather in protest, instead offered a last-of-a-lifetime scene of commemoration as veterans assembled by the sweeping monument of granite and bronze that was more than a decade in the planning.

"We have kept faith with our comrades from a distant youth," said former Sen. Bob Dole, a driving force for the memorial. An Army lieutenant in the war, Dole lost the use of his right arm when a shell hit him while he served in Italy.

"What we dedicate today is not a memorial to war. Rather it is a tribute to the physical and moral courage that makes heroes out of farm and city boys, that inspires Americans of every generation to lay down their lives for people they'll never meet," Dole told a crowd estimated at 140,000 by police.

Many veterans gripped canes. Others sat in wheelchairs. Young people came up to old people and said thanks.

Covering seven landscaped acres, the World War II Memorial was built with a sense of urgency once Washington resolved to go ahead with it. Veterans are in their late 70s and in their 80s. Of the 16 million who served, only about 4 million are still

alive and veterans from that war are dying at a rate of 1,056 a day.

"These were the modest sons of a peaceful country," said President Bush. "They gave the best years of their lives to the greatest mission their country ever accepted."

Many veterans lamented that the nation's tribute came too late for their comrades.

"I wish they would have done it much sooner because there's a lot of people from that generation who are gone," said Don LaFond, 81, a Marine Corps veteran from Marina del Rey, Calif.

Cool temperatures and bright sunshine greeted the dedication, a relief to emergency crews prepared for large numbers of medical problems. Authorities said they treated 110 people, mostly for minor conditions such as mild dehydration, scrapes and twisted ankles, of whom 30 were taken to hospital as a precaution.

Former Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, sitting next to each other on the stage, jumped up to help a Medal of Honor winner who fell from his wheelchair near them; the man stayed for the rest of the event after a medic checked him.

At a morning service at Washington National Cathedral, a few miles north of the Mall, dignitaries spoke of celebration and thanksgiving.

The elder Bush, a Navy pilot shot down over the South Pacific in 1944, said the World War II generation was remarkable for the challenges it faced, but Americans today, as in any point of history, can rise to the same level of commitment.

"These were average men and women who lived in extraordinary times," said



Veterans, from left to right: Ransom Jordan, Thomas "Top" Vernor, Calvin Young, and Morris Geller; salute during the trooping of the colors at the dedication ceremony of the National World War II Memorial on Saturday in Washington.

Bush, who turns 80 on June 12. Singling out the D-Day invasion of June 6, 1944, he paid tribute to the millions of fighters who "helped save the world."

President Bush and his Democratic presidential opponent, Vietnam veteran John Kerry, used their weekly radio addresses hours before the ceremony to praise the service of those honored.

The idea for the memorial came nearly two decades ago,

but it was only in 1993 that Congress authorized construction.

The memorial features 56 granite pillars, each 17 feet high and representing the states, territories of that time and the District of Columbia, and two arches more than twice that height — Atlantic and Pacific — symbolizing the two theaters of the war. A wall with 4,000 sculpted gold stars commemorates the more than 400,000 Americans killed.



Jason Pfaltzgraff checks the flag to make sure it is straight as members of the Exchange Club of Killeen display over 1,000 flags in the Healing Field exhibit at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center on Saturday. The flags will be on display until Sunday, June 6.

Killeen Daily Herald

Buddy Rice and Rahal Letterman Racing Win 88th Indianapolis 500



Buddy Rice and team co-owners David Letterman, left, and Bobby Rahal, right, celebrate after Rice won the rain-shortened Indy 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Sunday, May 30, in Indianapolis.

► From AP

INDIANAPOLIS- Buddy Rice kept one eye on the fuel gauge, on on the darkening sky and his foot on the pedal and won a rain-soaked Indianapolis 500 Sunday.

With storm clouds closing fast, the 28-year-old Rice grabbed the lead for good in a final flurry of pit stops and took his first career victory under a yellow caution flag as the rain that first delayed the race and then interrupted it for almost two hours finally ended it 50 miles short of the scheduled finish.



AP

Buddy Rice leads second-place finisher Tony Kanaan of Brazil into turn one on the way to Rice's Indy 500 win.

FIRST TEAM

Today in History

May 31

► From historychannel.com

1819 Poet Walt Whitman born

1902 The South African Boer War ends after three-and-a half years

1929 The Ford Motor Company signed a "Technical Assistance" contract to produce cars in the Soviet Union

1930 Clint Eastwood born
1941 Germans conquer

Crete
1988 Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Moscow ends
1990 The sitcom *Seinfeld* premiers
1996 Netanyahu elected prime minister of Israel

TV GUIDE

	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
6 p.m.	Spy/ Even Stevens	Tonight Show with Jay Leno	Sports Special - Lacrosse - NCAA Division 1 Men's Championship Semi- finals: Princeton vs. Navy	<i>Bullets Over Broadway</i> 5 p.m.
7 p.m.	Jeopardy/ Headline News	The Late Show with David Letterman	SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
8 p.m.	ESPNews/ Headline News	<i>The Fifth Element</i>	NBA Fastbreak	The Simpsons/ Happy Days
9 p.m.	<i>Pearl Harbor</i>		MLB - Baltimore Orioles @ Boston Red Sox	15th Annual National Memorial Day Concert
10 p.m.		Island of Dr. Moreau 10:15 p.m.		World War II 10:30 p.m.

Major League Baseball
Standings

as of 05/30/04

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	31	19	.620	-
New York	30	19	.612	.5
Baltimore	23	23	.500	6
Toronto	22	28	.440	9
Tampa Bay	17	31	.354	13

Central Division

Chicago	29	20	.592	-
Minnesota	27	22	.551	2
Cleveland	22	26	.458	6.5
Detroit	22	27	.449	7
Kansas City	17	30	.362	11

West Division

Anaheim	30	20	.600	-
Texas	27	22	.551	2.5
Oakland	26	23	.531	3.5
Seattle	18	31	.367	11.5

National League

East Division

Florida	30	20	.600	-
Philadelphia	27	21	.563	2
Atlanta	24	25	.490	5.5
New York	23	26	.469	6.5
Montreal	16	33	.327	13.5

Central Division

Cincinnati	29	21	.580	-
Houston	27	22	.551	1.5
Chicago	26	23	.531	2.5
St. Louis	26	23	.531	2.5
Milwaukee	25	23	.521	3
Pittsburgh	23	23	.500	4

West Division

San Diego	28	22	.560	-
Los Angeles	25	22	.532	1.5
San Francisco	25	24	.510	2.5
Colorado	18	31	.367	9.5
Arizona	18	31	.367	9.5

Glossary W: Wins, L: Losses,
PCT: Winning Percentage, GB:
Games Behind



NBA

CONFERENCE
FINALS

(Best of 7 series)

Eastern Conference

Detroit 83
Indiana 65
(Detroit leads series 3-2)

